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VICTIM'S WIDOW SCORED AS WADE'S TRIAL NEARS END

Mrs. Nott Is Called the Evil Genius of Young Slayer.

WIFE MAKES A SCENE

Screams a Protest as Details of Murder Are Laid Before Jury.

SANE, INSIST ALIENISTS

Acted Deliberately and With Motives, Is Testimony of Experts.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

BRIDGEPORT, Jan. 11.—Attorneys for both sides to-day in their summing up in the case of Elwood B. Wade, charged with the murder of George B. Nott in his home here last August, denounced the dead man's widow, Mrs. Ethel Hutchins Nott, for the part she is alleged to have played in the killing. Attorney William H. Comley, chief counsel for Wade, characterized the woman as Wade's "evil genius," and declared that Wade took no wrong step except under her direction.

During the closing moments of the trial Mrs. Mary S. Wade, the young wife of the defendant, became hysterical as Attorney E. Earle Garlick, assistant to State's Attorney Homer S. Cummings, was describing to the jury the scene in the Nott home as Wade first beat Nott over the head with an iron bar and then shot and stabbed him.

"Neither Wade nor Mrs. Nott," declared Attorney Garlick, "dared let that blood smeared man get out of the door alive and bring detection upon them. That is why they used the knife on Nott."

It was then that Mrs. Wade interrupted the trial. She jumped to her feet, screaming "No! No! No!" She ripped the hat from her head, tore it across and flung it down on the floor beside her. Then she buried her face in her hands and began crying loudly. Deputy sheriffs tried to calm her, but she grew worse, and they finally carried her from the room on their shoulders.

Dr. Charles C. Godfrey, Dr. John C. Lynch and Dr. David M. Treacartin, alienists, were recalled to the stand by the State and the defense during the morning session of the trial. Dr. Lynch testified that Wade, minus his criminal record, could never be admitted to an insane asylum because the man was sane, though not strong mentally. He also testified that Wade is not a sufferer from hallucinations or melancholia, and added that on several psychological tests the man had been slow in starting, which "is a possible reason for his failure in many of them."

Dr. Treacartin testified that when he examined Wade the defendant showed

ECONOMY WAVE AT ALBANY ENDS SPRING WATER REVEL

State Employees in Public Buildings Department Will Get Along on Hydrant Output in Future, Just Like the Proletariat.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau, Albany, Jan. 11.

Even spring water is to feel the hard, horny hand of retrenchment. Otto Janitz, the new State Superintendent of Public Buildings, who was one of the first to put the Miller economy programme into effect, announced to-day that Albany filtered water would be good enough for his employees hereafter. He said it had passed the State Health Department censorship and that the spring water coolers must go.

The budget for the present fiscal year shows the employees of the Comptroller's office among the heaviest water drinkers. They consumed about \$1,469 worth last year. Assemblymen also are a thirsty lot, devouring about \$1,372 worth

of water annually. This is a much larger quantity than in the days before the Volstead act went into effect. The money spent for Senators and their clerks was \$601. Neither the Excise Department nor the Housing Commission is down for any water. The State excise agents may have seized enough of the more cheering beverages to make it unnecessary.

These figures give an idea of the water consuming capacity of officials: Education Department, \$851; Attorney-General's office, \$475; Civil Service Commission, \$110; Health Department, \$541; Narcotic Drug Commission, \$129; Second District Public Service Commission, \$555; Superintendent of Elections, \$189; Conservation Commission, \$177; Highway Department, \$128; Insurance Department, \$589; Public Works, \$358.

BIG RIVER OF BOOZE FLOWS IN STREETS

Waukegan Citizens, Parched and Pained, See Highballs Fed to Fish.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Jan. 11.—Waukegan's populace let regular occupation go unheeded to-day and stood pop-eyed to watch twenty prohibition agents, who arrived with the dawn, dump 130,000 quarts of strong drink down the gutters and into the storm sewers.

The arrival of the agents took the town by surprise. Then followed one shock after another. Whence came the ocean of liquor? From still and wash boiler, from barrel and bottle, from cellar and cave, bedroom and barn, from moonshiners in Waukegan, North Chicago, Highland, Gurnee, Five Points, from highways and byways, it was gathered from wherever Sheriff Elmer Breen and his deputies were able to detect the odoriferous aroma.

As the sturdy axmen stood beside the casks and stills and kegs and tanks, their goshawks tightly buckled to prevent the wetting of their feet, hundreds of thirsty souls, with dry lips and protruding tongues, stood on the banks of the booze river and prayed for a hero to stop the leak in the dike.

The blend that washed toward Lake Michigan was unlike anything ever mixed in the artistic saloons that were Waukegan's boast in wetter days. It bubbled like champagne and exhaled all the delicate aroma of a ripe barrel house.

Legally reformed wine experts, whose rose paint has peeled little since January 16, fought for places along the edges of the stream and surreptitiously attempted to salvage a few drops of the nectar as it flowed past.

An hour after the sacrifice had commenced ten of the axmen were forced to turn their hung starters from the casks to the crowd to prevent the diverting of the stream to scores of tin cans and cups that had been hurriedly purchased at the local 10 cent store.

Wise householders hurried home and turned on both faucets in the bathtub, confident that the hydrants would run with highballs for many an hour after the crest of the flood should reach the lake. And heaven help the fish of Lake Michigan!

MOVING FOR HIGHER AUTOMOBILE FEES

Bills Carry Out Suggestion of Gov. Miller for Only New Tax Burden.

TO EXTEND LICENSE LAW

State Industrial Commissioners Hold Conference With Executive.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau, Albany, Jan. 11.

Senator Charles J. Hewitt, chairman of the Finance Committee, announced to-day that bills are being prepared to increase the tax on passenger and business automobiles. They carry out a recommendation of Gov. Miller in his first annual message. The Governor said that the only new tax burden he believed should be imposed was an increase of automobile fees, so that they would provide all of the revenue needed for highway maintenance.

"A slight increase in horsepower rate on each passenger automobile," said Senator Hewitt, "will raise the required revenue. Motor trucks should also bear an increase on tonnage in proportion to the increase on other cars. The trucks have never borne their share of the motor vehicle taxes."

At present there is only a difference of about \$1,000,000 between automobile taxes and highway maintenance expenses. Should the Legislature, however, appropriate the \$15,000,000 for maintenance asked by the Highway Commission the automobile taxes would be doubled. Senator Hewitt said it was doubtful if the Legislature would allow much more money for highway maintenance than it did last year. The legislative leaders also are expected to back a bill to extend the automobile operators license law to the entire State, it now applies only to New York City.

All of the members of the State Industrial Commission except Henry B. Sayre had a conference with Gov. Miller this afternoon. It was secret and it is thought that the Governor's recommendation for a reorganization of the commission was discussed.

Those present were Commissioners Edward F. Boyle, chairman, of New York; James M. Lynch, Syracuse; Frances Perkins, New York; and Cyrus W. Phillips, Rochester, and Secretary Edward M. Buckley and Counsel Bernard L. Shientag, New York. All are Democrats except Commissioner Phillips, and will be legislated out of office if the Governor's recommendations are carried out.

NO FORD JOB, SAYS M'ADOO.

Denies Report That He Is to Manage Motor Plant.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11.—"It's all pure fiction as far as I am concerned," declared William G. McAdoo about a report from Detroit that he is slated to become vice-president and general manager of the Ford Motor Company, succeeded by Frank L. Klingensmith, resigned.

"I don't know how such reports get started," Mr. McAdoo said. "I have heard nothing about it until to-day through reporters."

FASTER'S HUSBAND SMASHES FILM MAN

Harrington Refuses to Let Movie Photographer Picture His Starving Wife.

210 POUNDS ON 44TH DAY

Skeptics Say She Looks as if Hunger Strike for Better Half Is Healthful.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

DANVILLE, Ill., Jan. 11.—Harry Birch of Chicago, representing the Fox Film Service, was assaulted and beaten to-day by Ernest S. Harrington, husband of Mrs. Sadie Harrington, who has fasted for forty-three days in her efforts to save her husband's soul.

The encounter occurred at the Harrington home, where Birch had gone in an effort to "shoot" some pictures of Mrs. Harrington. Informed of the visit of the photographer, Harrington jumped into his automobile and hurried home. He met Birch in the back yard.

"Did you want to see me?" asked the picture man.

"Yes, I want to see you, and I want to show you what a damned good man I am. I want you newspaper men to let me alone and to let Sadie alone," Harrington shouted, as he swung at Birch.

Birch was knocked unconscious and was taken downtown by neighbors who had heard his cries for help before Harrington swung.

At the office of Dr. Hugh Beaton it was learned that Birch had suffered a broken nose, two teeth were loose and one eye was badly discolored. A pair of glasses he wore were broken. Birch went to the police station after his injuries had been dressed and asked for a warrant, but when he was told he would have to stay to prosecute he decided not to do so.

"Isn't it enough what the newspapers have been saying about me, without these picture guys butting in?" said Harrington. "They want pictures to send all over the world, I suppose, but they are not going to get them if I can help it."

Mrs. Harrington rose from her bed to-day for the first time in forty-four days. Her appearance convinced Danville skeptics that Mrs. Harrington has not been fasting, as she and other Pentecostists say she has. Those who saw her walking about the house say she has not lost any of the 210 pounds she carried when she began her hunger strike against cigarettes, moonshine and cussing in her home.

Harrington to-day consulted legal authorities as to his liability in the event of his wife starving to death and was assured that no action can be taken against him. Harrington says he has no intention of giving in, although frightened and nervous at the thoughts of what may happen to Mrs. Harrington.

BANK SHORTAGE \$26,500.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 11.—The shortage at the Commercial State Bank at Mount Washington, a suburb, closed last week, will amount to \$26,500, according to the findings of James T. Duncan, State bank examiner, made public to-day. Walter M. Halpin, cashier of the bank, is missing.



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